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**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
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# A107 Amend Canon III.11.2 Regarding the Election of a Bishop

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That Canon III.11.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  
- 2 ~~Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan A Bishop~~ *Diocesan*, ~~for the Bishop~~, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, *may call for to call* a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese, *to be held no earlier than six months prior to the effective date of the Bishop Diocesan's resignation*, to elect a successor; provided that if the Convention is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during the regular session. The proceedings incident to ~~reparation~~ *preparation* for the ordination of the successor shall be as provided in this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the ordination to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

## EXPLANATION

The Commission's amendment clarifies that the Bishop Diocesan may "call" a special meeting more than six (6) months in advance of his or her retirement and that the special meeting shall be held no earlier than six (6) months prior to the retirement. A Diocesan Bishop who is planning on retiring is likely to "call" for the election of a new Diocesan Bishop well in advance of six (6) months prior to such resignation. It also clarifies any ambiguity between "calling a meeting" and "calling a meeting to order." This change will allow for efficient and orderly transitions in leadership. Further, the amendment corrects a scrivener's error, substituting the word "preparation" for the incorrect "reparation."